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For : USE OF THIOAMIDE OXAZOLIDINONES FOR THE TREATMENT OF BONE RESORPTION AND OSTEOPOROSIS

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

**SUBMISSION ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION  
AMENDMENTS AND REPLY**

Sir:

This is a submission accompanying a request for continued examination. This submission consists of various amendments to the claims and a reply to the outstanding rejection in this application. A petition for a one-month extension of time is enclosed.

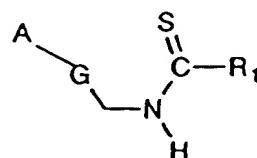
Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with marking to show changes made.**"

**AMENDMENTS**

Amend claims 1 and 7 to read as follows:

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1. (amended) A method of treating or preventing osteoporosis, bone resorption, or other bone disease characterized by the need to enhance bone formation in a vertebrate mammal in need thereof comprising the administering to the vertebrate mammal an effective amount of a compound of formula I



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